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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Case 7332

In the Matter of :
US National Phase Entry :
Under 35 USC 371 from :
International Application of :
Pramod K. Reddy et al. :
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/25224 : Group Art Unit : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**
Filed on October 27, 1999 : Examiner : **NOT YET ASSIGNED**

For Hydrophilic Index For Aqueous, Liquid Laundry Detergent Compositions :
Containing LAS :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into
the US National Phase, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Please add the following Claims 11-30.

(NEW) 11. A heavy duty liquid laundry detergent composition comprising a surfactant system,
wherein the surfactant system comprises from about 0.1% to about 20%, by weight of the surfactant
system of an alkyl benzene sulfonate surfactant, and wherein the surfactant system has a Hydrophilic
Index, HI_C , of from about 8.0 to about 9.2, wherein

$$HI_C = \sum_y (\text{weight \% of surfactant } y \text{ in the surfactant system}) \times (HI_{Sy})$$

where HI_{Sy} is calculated for each of the surfactants in the surfactant system as follows:

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